



Lewis and Clark County Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council

Zoom Conference Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 11:30 a.m.

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) is to assist in the improvement of Lewis and Clark County public behavioral health services and to review and make recommendations about services to County and State of MT's Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council (MOHAC) and Service Area Authorities.

Purpose: A time to learn and share and advocate

Minutes

1. Call to Order 11:32AM

Members in attendance: 12

Total in Attendance: 23

2. Suicide Prevention Team/Workgroup 2 Affiliation Update-Jess Hegstrom/Robin Suzor

(Part of Workgroup Two- Outreach and Communication with Suicide Prevention)

Suicide Prevention Month is September; National Suicide Prevention Week is 9.6-9.12.20

Calendar of Events for entire month of September shared with group with weekly opportunities for awareness and engagement. Action: Jess to send final version of calendar to group members upon completion.

Voting new leadership roles and nomination for open Vice Chair position

- Drenda Niemann is new Chair
- Matt Furlong is new Past Chair
- Marvin Colman is new Vice Chair

Jill-Marie Steeley has transferred from Past Chair to LAC member. She was thanked for her years as a leadership member.

Three individuals volunteered and members vote elected by chat room private vote Marvin Colman, GSM: Our Place Drop-in Center Program Manager.

3. Bylaws Change

Current changes approved with additional input and recommendations from Commissioner Hunthausen on removal of reporting to Commission with changes to be recommendations as Advisory Council and Members request to add (Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders) after Behavioral Health to fully define. The Commissioner expressed a commitment to continue providing support to the LAC from the County by offering staff support to collaborate with the work of the LAC.

Action: Jolene update Bylaws with current edits accepted by members and incorporate new recommendations/feedback. **Steering Committee leadership** will review final version and will be shared at September BH LAC Meeting.

4. Strategic Plan – 4 Steps

More focus needed with Strategic Plan

- 1.** Steering Committee to engage and relate strategy to Work Groups
- 2.** Consider Strategic Planning Consultant to facilitate-Dan Clark
- 3.** Draft would go to broader council for feedback
- 4.** Finalize

Action: Jolene to include current SP in Zoom invite for next meeting. All review prior to meeting.

5. Agency Updates and Public Comment (requested email submissions following meeting in response due meeting time ending) No responses received.

6. Other Action Steps & Responsible:

- BH LAC Participation Survey
- Action: Jolene create and send a survey on barriers to LAC Meeting participation during COVID-19
- Work Group tabled for next week beyond SPM

7. Adjourn/Next Meeting Date

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020